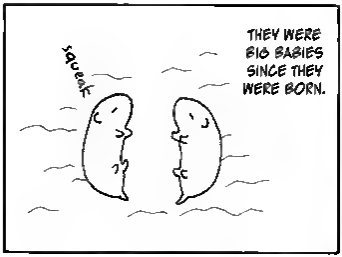
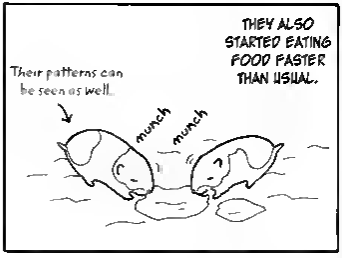
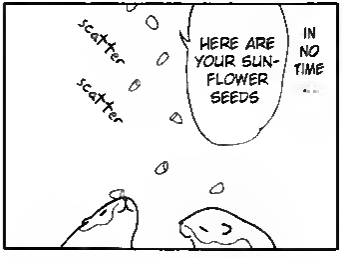
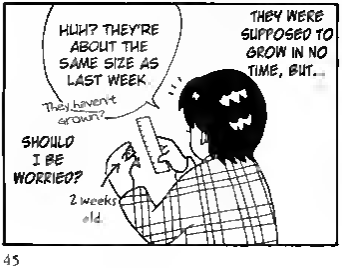

squeak
THEY WERE BIG BABIES SINCE THEY WERE BORN.


THEY ALSO STARTED EATING FOOD FASTER THAN USUAL.
Their patterns can be seen as well.
munch
munch


scatter
scatter
HERE ARE YOUR SUN-FLOWER SEEDS
IN NO TIME...


HUH? THEY'RE ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS LAST WEEK.
They haven't grown?
THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO GROW IN NO TIME, BUT...
SHOULD I BE WORRIED?
2 weeks old.

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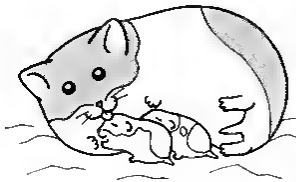
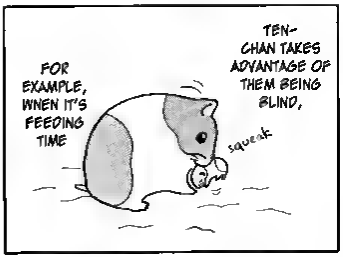
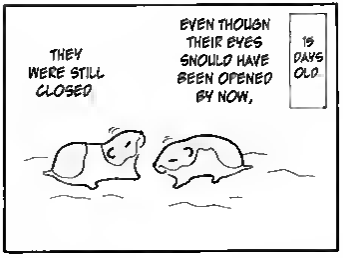
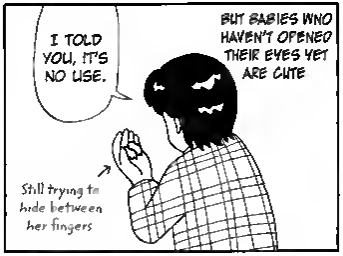
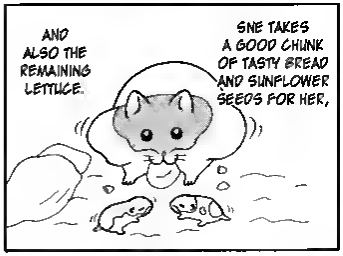



FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN IT'S FEEDING TIME
TEN-CHAN TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THEM BEING BLIND,
squeak

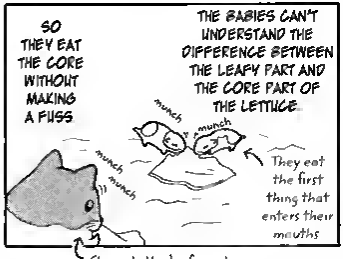

THEY WERE STILL CLOSED
EVEN THOUGH THEIR EYES SHOULD HAVE BEEN OPENED BY NOW,
15 DAYS OLD

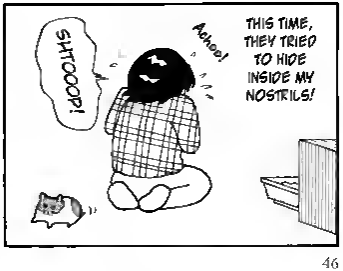
HERE IS YOUR FOOD
I GIVE THEM BABY FOOD - BREAD, SUNFLOWER SEEDS, AND LETTUCE

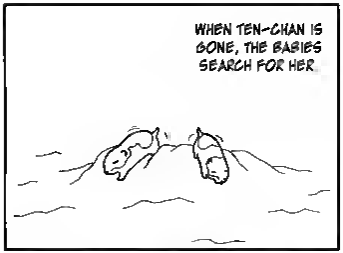

I TOLD YOU, IT'S NO USE.
BUT BABIES WHO HAVEN'T OPENED THEIR EYES YET ARE CUTE
Still trying to hide between her fingers

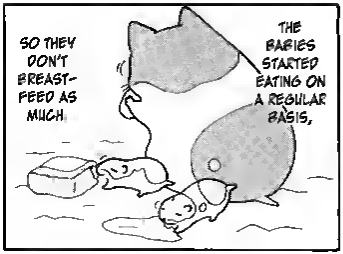

AND ALSO THE REMAINING LETTUCE.
SHE TAKES A GOOD CHUNK OF TASTY BREAD AND SUNFLOWER SEEDS FOR HER,

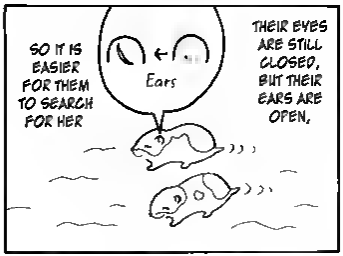
YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO PUT YOUR FACE TOO CLOSE TO THEM.
Hmm
GEEZ, YOU'RE JUST SO CUTE.
THAT'S WHY...

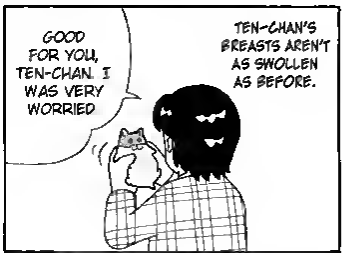

SO THEY EAT THE CORE WITHOUT MAKING A FUSS
THE BABIES CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LEAFY PART AND THE CORE PART OF THE LETTUCE.
munch
munch
munch
munch
They eat the first thing that enters their mouths
She eats the leafy part

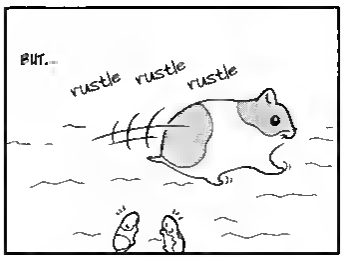

SHTOOO!
Achoo!
THIS TIME, THEY TRIED TO HIDE INSIDE MY NOSTRILS!


WHEN TEN-CHAN IS GONE, THE BABIES SEARCH FOR HER.

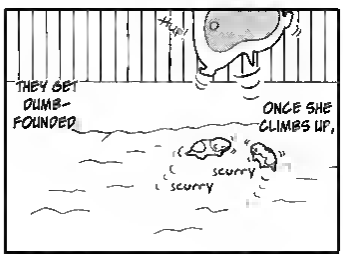

SO THEY DON'T BREAST-FEED AS MUCH.
THE BABIES STARTED EATING ON A REGULAR BASIS,


SO IT IS EASIER FOR THEM TO SEARCH FOR HER
Ears
THEIR EYES ARE STILL CLOSED, BUT THEIR EARS ARE OPEN.

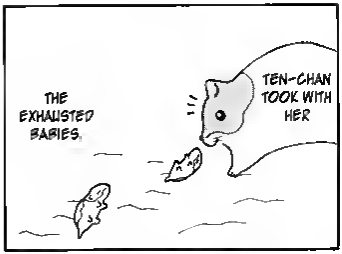

GOOD FOR YOU, TEN-CHAN. I WAS VERY WORRIED
TEN-CHAN'S BREASTS AREN'T AS SWOLLEN AS BEFORE.

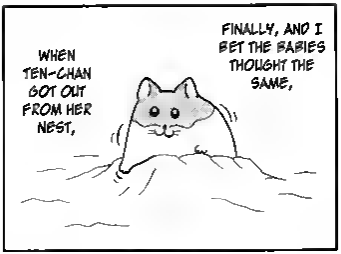

BUT...
rustle rustle rustle

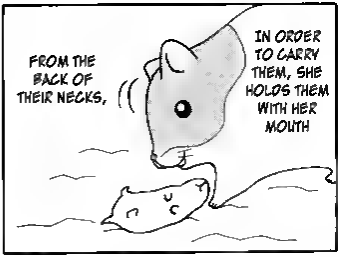
SINCE THE BABIES STOPPED BREASTFEEDING,
TEN-CHAN

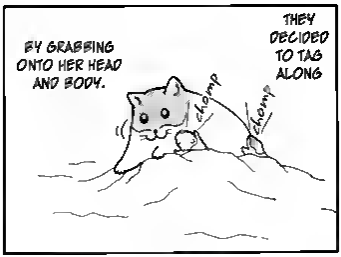

THEY GET DUMB-FOUNDED.
ONCE SHE CLIMBS UP,
scurry
scurry

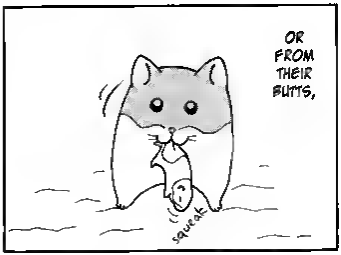
She's going away to play again
HAS BEEN GOING AWAY FROM THE NEST A LOT MORE.
HEY THERE, THE BABIES WILL GET COLD.

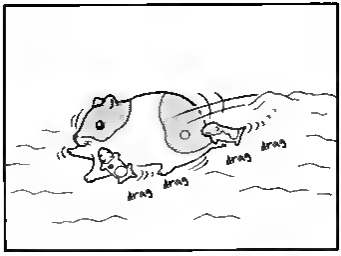

THE EXHAUSTED BABIES
TEN-CHAN TOOK WITH HER


WHEN TEN-CHAN GOT OUT FROM HER NEST,
FINALLY, AND I BET THE BABIES THOUGHT THE SAME,


FROM THE BACK OF THEIR NECKS,
IN ORDER TO CARRY THEM, SHE HOLDS THEM WITH HER MOUTH


BY GRABBING ONTO HER HEAD AND BODY.
THEY DECIDED TO TAG ALONG
chomp
chomp


OR FROM THEIR BUTTS,
squeak


drag
drag
drag
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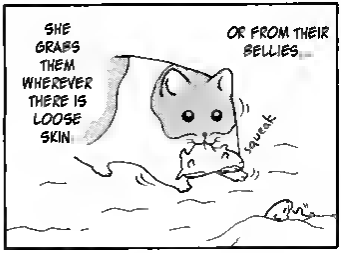
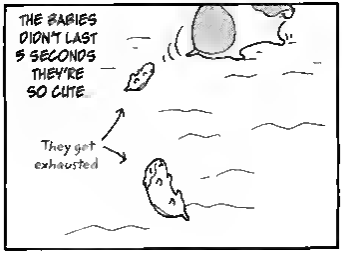
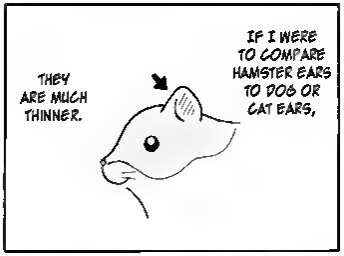
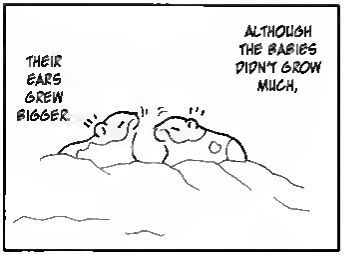
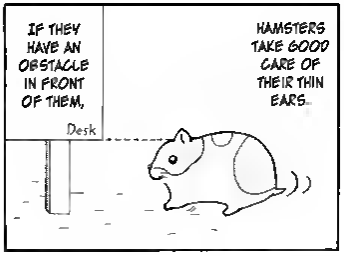

SHE GRABS THEM WHEREVER THERE IS LOOSE SKIN
OR FROM THEIR BELLIES
squeak

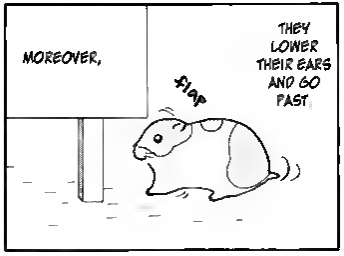

THE BABIES DIDN'T LAST 5 SECONDS THEY'RE SO CUTE
They get exhausted

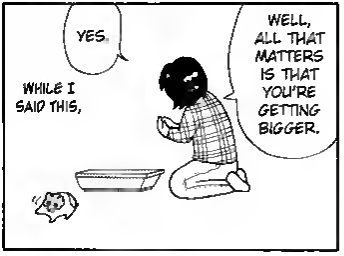

THEY ARE MUCH THINNER.
IF I WERE TO COMPARE HAMSTER EARS TO DOG OR CAT EARS,

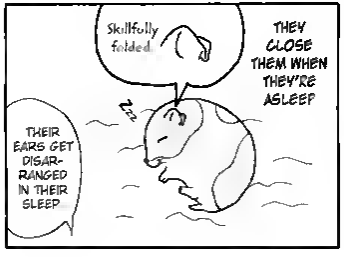

THEIR EARS GREW BIGGER.
ALTHOUGH THE BABIES DIDN'T GROW MUCH,

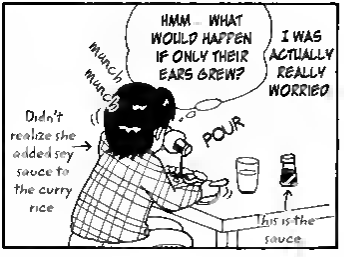

IF THEY HAVE AN OBSTACLE IN FRONT OF THEM,
Desk
HAMSTERS TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEIR THIN EARS.

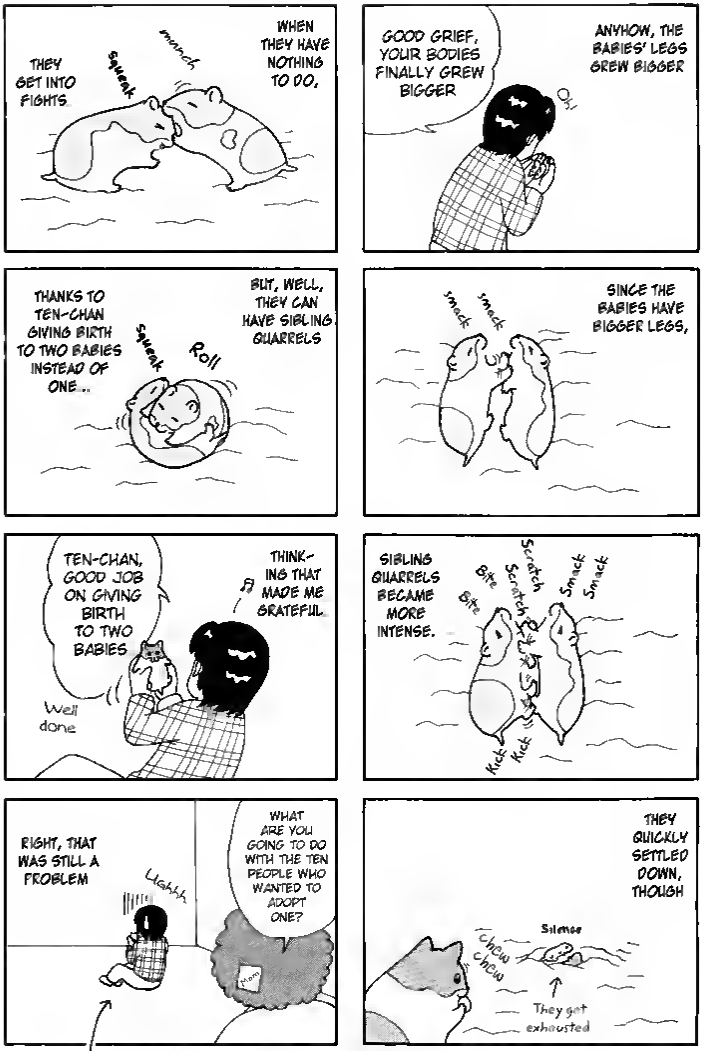
OR MAYBE MY BABIES ARE SPECIAL?
MAYBE HAMSTERS' EARS GROW BIG FIRST.

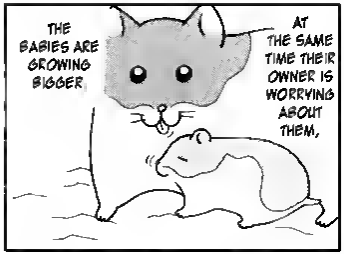

MOREOVER,
THEY LOWER THEIR EARS AND GO FAST.
flap


YES.
WHILE I SAID THIS,
WELL, ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU'RE GETTING BIGGER.

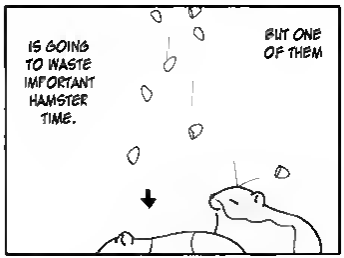

Skillfully folded
Zzz
THEY CLOSE THEM WHEN THEY'RE ASLEEP
THEIR EARS GET DISAR-RANGED IN THEIR SLEEP

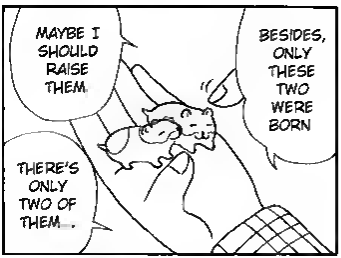

HMM... WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ONLY THEIR EARS GREW?
I WAS ACTUALLY REALLY WORRIED
munch munch
Didn't realize she added soy sauce to the curry rice
POUR
This is the sauce

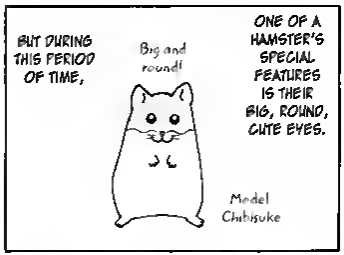

WHEN THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO,
munch
Squeak
THEY GET INTO FIGHTS
GOOD GRIEF, YOUR BODIES FINALLY GREW BIGGER
ANYHOW, THE BABIES' LEGS GREW BIGGER
Oh!
BUT, WELL, THEY CAN HAVE SIBLING QUARRELS
THANKS TO TEN-CHAN GIVING BIRTH TO TWO BABIES INSTEAD OF ONE...
Squeak
Roll
SINCE THE BABIES HAVE BIGGER LEGS,
smack
smack
THINKING THAT MADE ME GRATEFUL.
TEN-CHAN, GOOD JOB ON GIVING BIRTH TO TWO BABIES
Well done
SIBLING QUARRELS BECAME MORE INTENSE.
Bite
Bite
Scratch
Scratch
Smack
Smack
Kick
Kick
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE TEN PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO ADOPT ONE?
RIGHT, THAT WAS STILL A PROBLEM
Ughhh
Still kept their birth a secret
THEY QUICKLY SETTLED DOWN, THOUGH
Silence
Chew Chew
They got exhausted

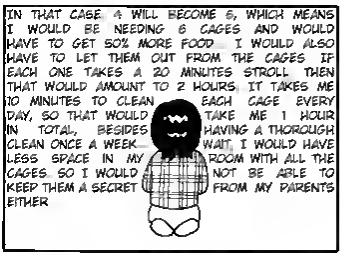

THE BABIES ARE GROWING BIGGER.
AT THE SAME TIME THEIR OWNER IS WORRYING ABOUT THEM.

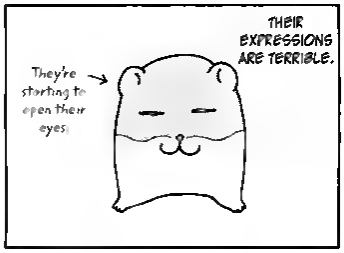
I SHOULD PICK TWO FROM THEM, I'M SORRY FOR THE OTHER EIGHT...
AND THEY WERE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO ONE.
THERE WERE TEN PEOPLE WHO WANTED A BABY.


IS GOING TO WASTE IMPORTANT HAMSTER TIME.
BUT ONE OF THEM

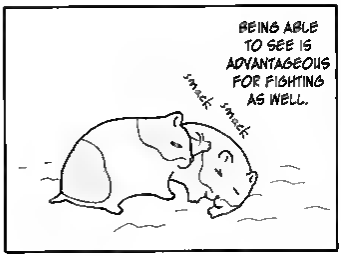

MAYBE I SHOULD RAISE THEM.
BESIDES, ONLY THESE TWO WERE BORN
THERE'S ONLY TWO OF THEM...

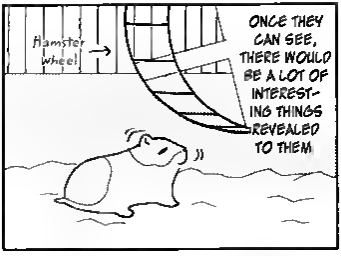

BUT DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME,
Big and round!
ONE OF A HAMSTER'S SPECIAL FEATURES IS THEIR BIG, ROUND, CUTE EYES.
Medel Chibisuke


IN THAT CAGE. 4 WILL BECOME 6, WHICH MEANS I WOULD BE NEEDING 6 CAGES AND WOULD HAVE TO GET SOX MORE FOOD. I WOULD ALSO HAVE TO LET THEM OUT FROM THE CAGES IF EACH ONE TAKES A 20 MINUTES STROLL. THEN THAT WOULD AMOUNT TO 2 HOURS. IT TAKES ME 10 MINUTES TO CLEAN EACH CAGE EVERY DAY, SO THAT WOULD TAKE ME 1 HOUR IN TOTAL, BESIDES HAVING A THOROUGH CLEAN ONCE A WEEK... WAIT, I WOULD HAVE LESS SPACE IN MY ROOM WITH ALL THE CAGES. SO I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP THEM A SECRET FROM MY PARENTS EITHER

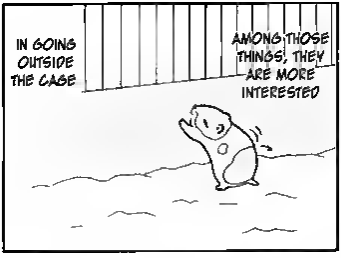

THEIR EXPRESSIONS ARE TERRIBLE.
They're starting to open their eyes.

THE WORRIES OF A PET OWNER CONTINUES...
Hmmmm

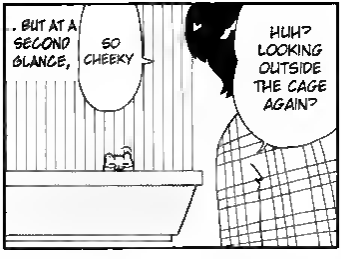

BEING ABLE TO SEE IS ADVANTAGEOUS FOR FIGHTING AS WELL.
smack smack

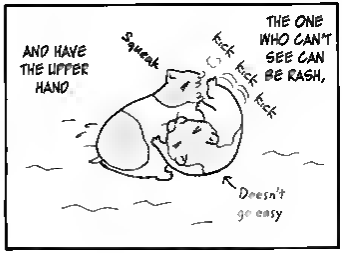

Hamster wheel
ONCE THEY CAN SEE, THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF INTEREST-ING THINGS REVEALED TO THEM.

Squeak

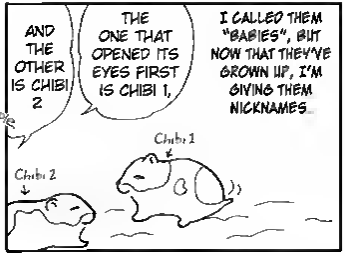

IN GOING OUTSIDE THE CAGE
AMONG THOSE THINGS, THEY ARE MORE INTERESTED

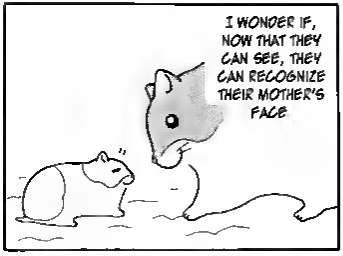
...THOUGH NOT ALWAYS.
CHOMP

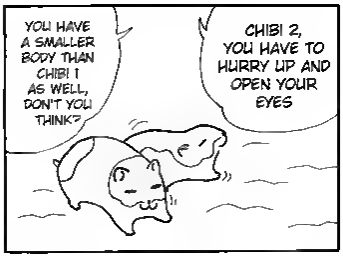

...BUT AT A SECOND GLANCE,
SO CHEEKY
HUH? LOOKING OUTSIDE THE CAGE AGAIN?

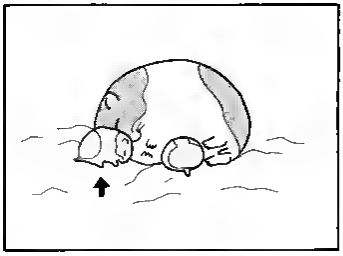

AND HAVE THE UPPER HAND
Squeak
kick kick kick
THE ONE WHO CAN'T SEE CAN BE RASH,
Doesn't go easy

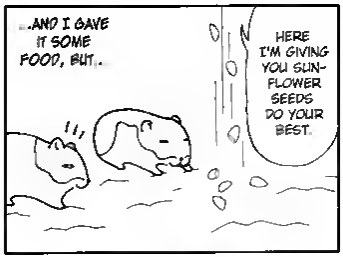
IT WAS USING ITS SLEEPING PARENT.
Zzz
She's tired


AND THE OTHER IS CHIBI 2
THE ONE THAT OPENED ITS EYES FIRST IS CHIBI 1.
I CALLED THEM "BABIES", BUT NOW THAT THEY'VE GROWN UP, I'M GIVING THEM NICKNAMES.
Simple...
Chibi 1
Chibi 2

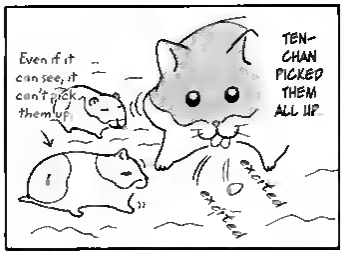

I WONDER IF, NOW THAT THEY CAN SEE, THEY CAN RECOGNIZE THEIR MOTHER'S FACE


YOU HAVE A SMALLER BODY THAN CHIBI 1 AS WELL, DON'T YOU THINK?
CHIBI 2, YOU HAVE TO HURRY UP AND OPEN YOUR EYES

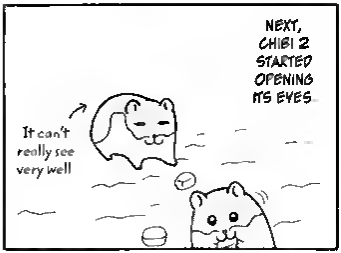


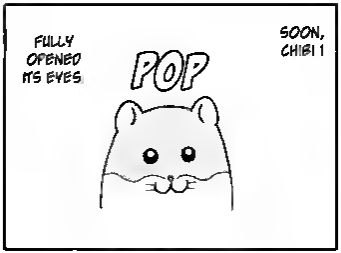

...AND I GAVE IT SOME FOOD, BUT..
HERE I'M GIVING YOU SUN-FLOWER SEEDS DO YOUR BEST.

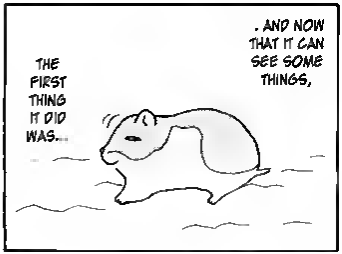
Phew, so hot

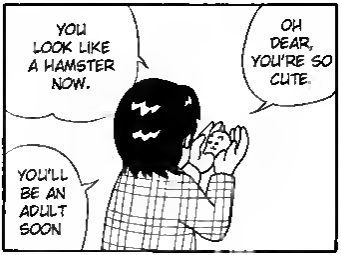

Even if it can see, it can't pick them up.
TEN-CHAN PICKED THEM ALL UP.
excited
excited

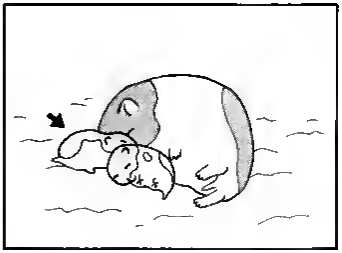
THE BABIES STILL SLEEP NEXT TO HER FACE FOR SOME REASON
EVEN IF SHE TURNS OVER...

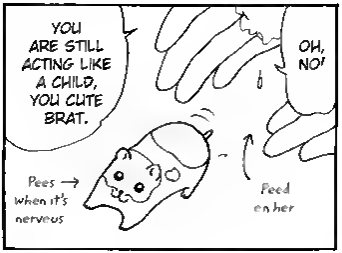

NEXT, CHIBI 2 STARTED OPENING ITS EYES.
It can't really see very well

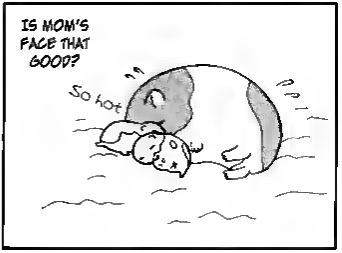

SOON, CHIBI 1 FULLY OPENED ITS EYES.
POP

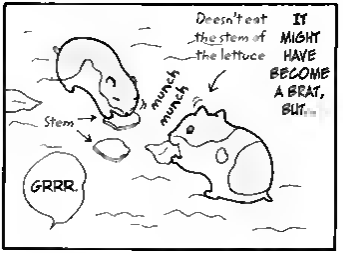

. AND NOW THAT IT CAN SEE SOME THINGS,
THE FIRST THING IT DID WAS...

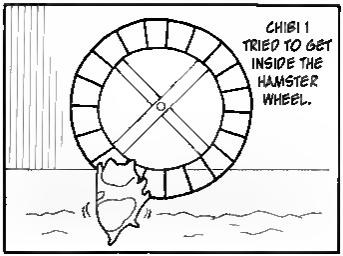

YOU LOOK LIKE A HAMSTER NOW.
OH DEAR, YOU'RE SO CUTE.
YOU'LL BE AN ADULT SOON

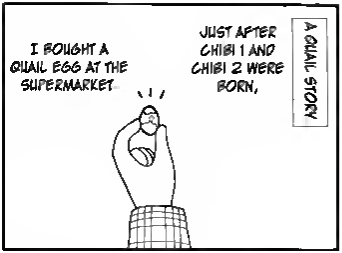


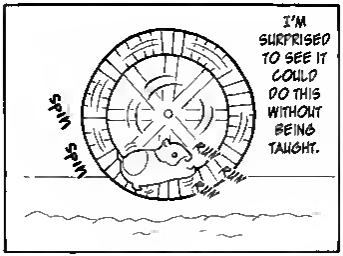

YOU ARE STILL ACTING LIKE A CHILD, YOU CUTE BRAT.
OH, NO!
Pees → when it's nerveous
Feed on her

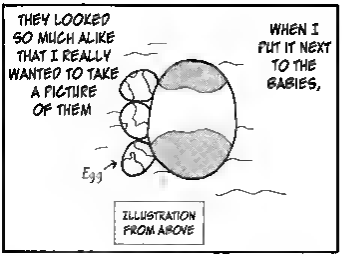

IS MOM'S FACE THAT GOOD?
So hot

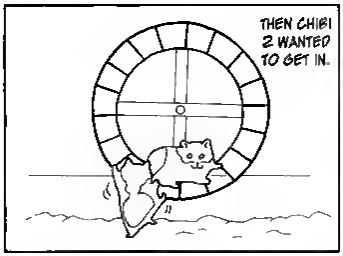

Doesn't eat the stem of the lettuce
IT MIGHT HAVE BECOME A BRAT, BUT...
munch munch
Stem
GRRR.

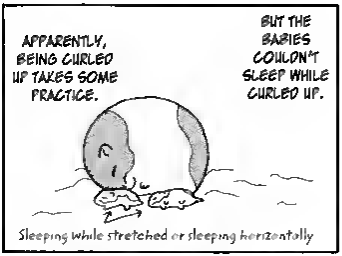


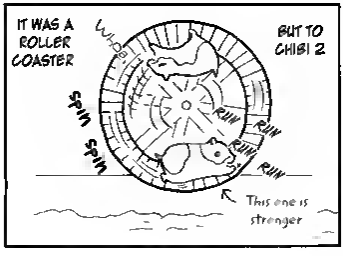


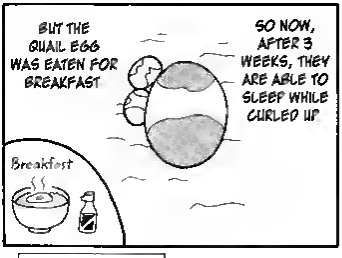



THEY LOOKED SO MUCH ALIKE THAT I REALLY WANTED TO TAKE A PICTURE OF THEM
WHEN I PUT IT NEXT TO THE BABIES,
Egg
ILLUSTRATION FROM ABOVE



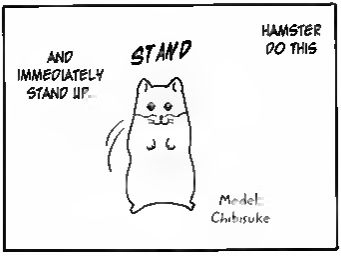

APPARENTLY, BEING CURLED UP TAKES SOME PRACTICE.
BUT THE BABIES COULDN'T SLEEP WHILE CURLED UP.
Sleeping while stretched or sleeping horizontally

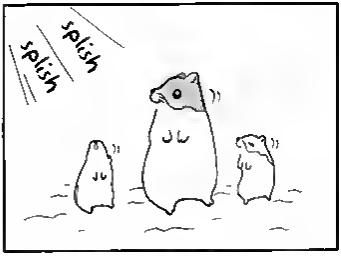




A QUAIL STORY — FIN

splish
splish
CONTINUED...


HAMSTER DO THIS
AND IMMEDIATELY STAND UP...
STAND
Model: Chibisuke


splish
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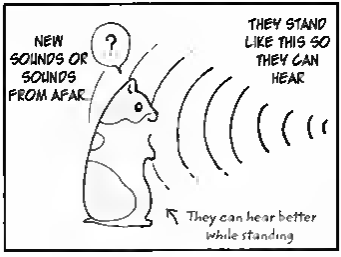
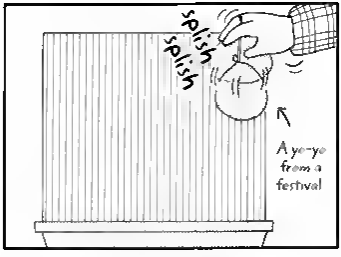
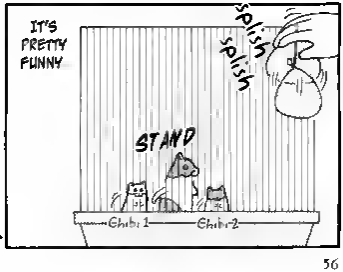
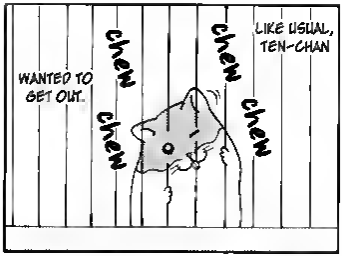

NEW SOUNDS OR SOUNDS FROM AFAR...
?
THEY STAND LIKE THIS SO THEY CAN HEAR
They can hear better while standing

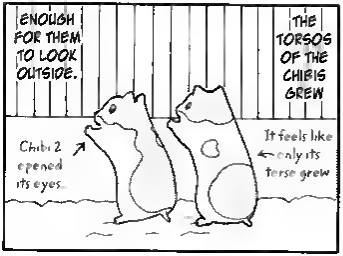
splish
splish

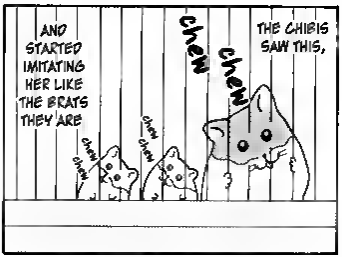

splish
splish
A yo-yo from a festival

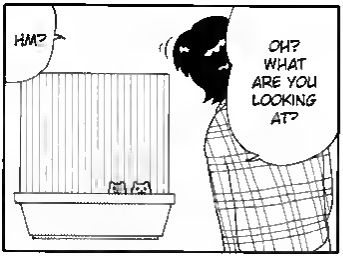
THE CHIBIS CAN'T STAY STANDING FOR TOO LONG
splish
splish

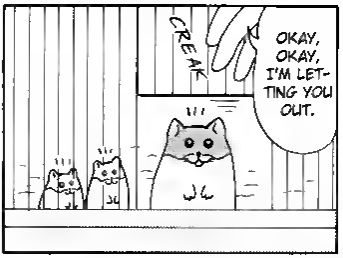

IT'S PRETTY FUNNY
splish
splish
STAND
Chibi 1
Chibi 2

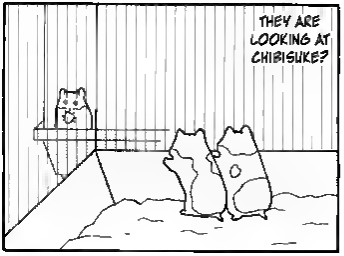

LIKE USUAL, TEN-CHAN
chew
chew
chew
chew
chew
WANTED TO GET OUT.

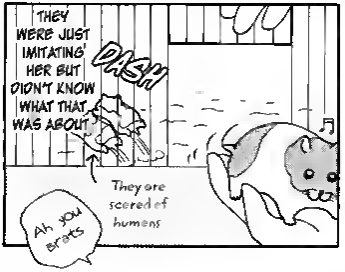

ENOUGH FOR THEM TO LOOK OUTSIDE.
THE TORSOS OF THE CHIBIS GREW
Chibi 2 opened its eyes.
It feels like only its torso grew

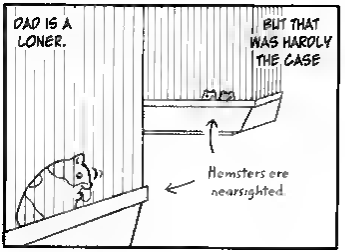

AND STARTED IMITATING HER LIKE THE BRATS THEY ARE
THE CHIBIS SAW THIS,
chew
chew
chew
chew
chew
chew

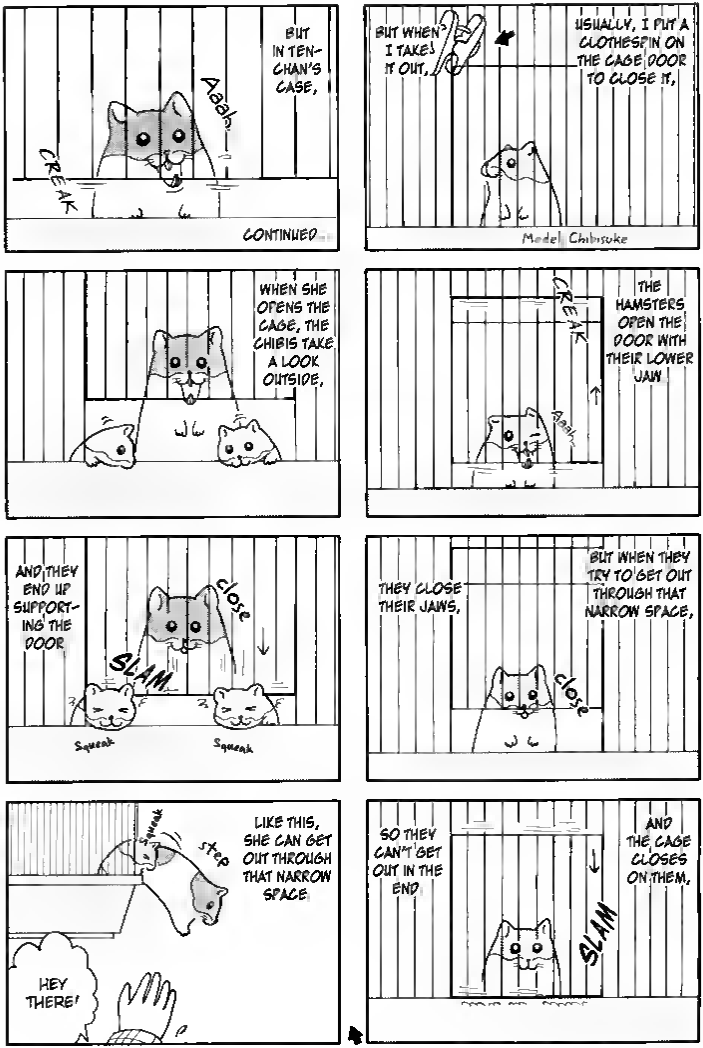

HM?
OH? WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

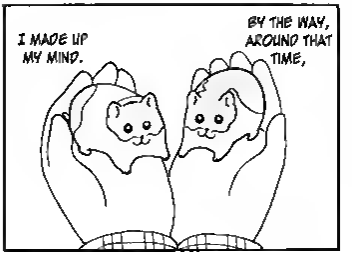

CREAK
OKAY, OKAY, I'M LET-TING YOU OUT.

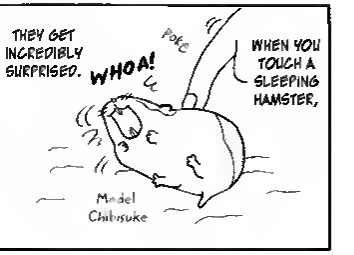

THEY ARE LOOKING AT CHIBISUKE?

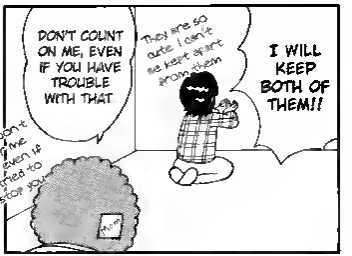

THEY WERE JUST IMITATING HER BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THAT WAS ABOUT
DASH
They are scared of humens
Ah, you brats

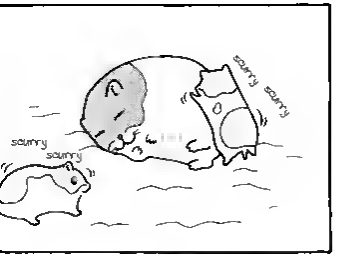

DAD IS A LONER.
BUT THAT WAS HARDLY THE CASE
Hamsters are nearsighted.

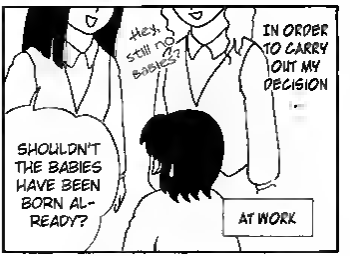

BUT IN TEN-CHAN'S CASE,
CREAK
Aaah
CONTINUED
BUT WHEN I TAKE IT OUT,
USUALLY, I PUT A CLOTHESPIN ON THE CAGE DOOR TO CLOSE IT,
Madeli Chibisuke
WHEN SHE OPENS THE CAGE, THE CHIBIS TAKE A LOOK OUTSIDE,
CREAK
Aaah
THE HAMSTERS OPEN THE DOOR WITH THEIR LOWER JAW
AND THEY END UP SUPPORT-ING THE DOOR
close
SLAM
Squeak
Squeak
THEY CLOSE THEIR JAWS,
BUT WHEN THEY TRY TO GET OUT THROUGH THAT NARROW SPACE,
close
squeak
steP
LIKE THIS, SHE CAN GET OUT THROUGH THAT NARROW SPACE
HEY THERE!
SO THEY CAN'T GET OUT IN THE END
SLAM
AND THE CAGE CLOSES ON THEM,

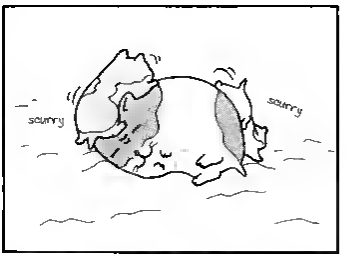

I MADE UP MY MIND.
BY THE WAY, AROUND THAT TIME,


THEY GET INCREDIBLY SURPRISED.
WHOA!
Poke
WHEN YOU TOUCH A SLEEPING HAMSTER,
Model Chibisuke


DON'T COUNT ON ME, EVEN IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE WITH THAT
They are so cute I can't be kept apart from them
I WILL KEEP BOTH OF THEM!!
You won't hear me out even if I tried to stop you.


sorry sorry
sorry
sorry


Hey, still no babies?
IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT MY DECISION
SHOULDN'T THE BABIES HAVE BEEN BORN AL-READY?
AT WORK


sorry
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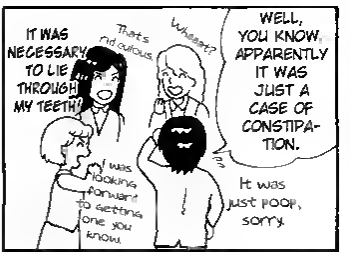
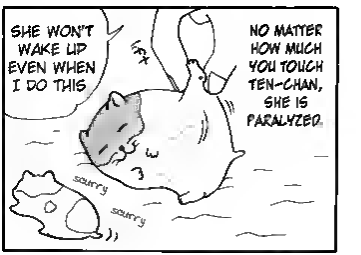
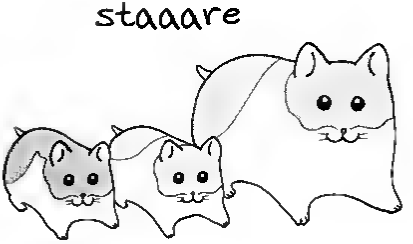

IT WAS NECESSARY TO LIE THROUGH MY TEETH?
That's ridiculous
Whaaat?
WELL, YOU KNOW, APPARENTLY IT WAS JUST A CASE OF CONSTIPA-TION.
I was looking forward to getting one you know
It was just poop, sorry


SHE WON'T WAKE UP EVEN WHEN I DO THIS
lift
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TOUCH TEN-CHAN, SHE IS PARALYZED.
sorry
sorry

A SMALL BREAK...



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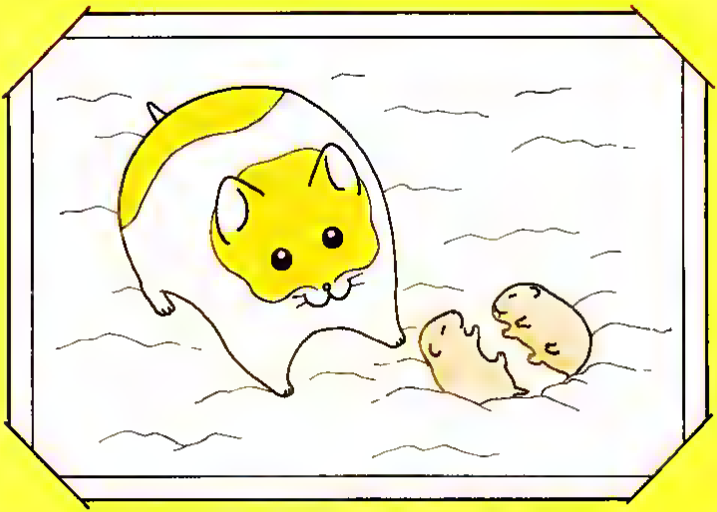

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